

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

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In the Matter of DAWN V. BOWES and U.S. POSTAL SERVICE,  
POST OFFICE, Phoenix, Ariz.

*Docket No. 96-2352; Submitted on the Record;  
Issued August 3, 1998*

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DECISION and ORDER

Before GEORGE E. RIVERS, DAVID S. GERSON,  
A. PETER KANJORSKI

The issue is whether appellant has met her burden of proof in establishing that she sustained injuries while in the performance of duty that were causally related to factors of her federal employment.

The Board has given careful consideration to the issue involved, the contentions of appellant on appeal and the entire case record. The Board finds that the April 23, 1996 decision of the hearing representative of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, finalized on April 24, 1996, is in accordance with the facts and law in this case and hereby adopts the findings and conclusions of the hearing representative.<sup>1</sup>

The decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs dated April 23, 1996 and finalized April 24, 1996 is hereby affirmed.

Dated, Washington, D.C.  
August 3, 1998

George E. Rivers  
Member

David S. Gerson  
Member

A. Peter Kanjorski  
Alternate Member

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<sup>1</sup> See Robert S. Winchester, 45 ECAB 135 (1993).